

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A thin plate supporting container comprising:

-a container body for housing therein a plurality of thin plates,  
a lid unit for closing the container body, ~~and~~  
slotted plates fixed on side walls facing each other in the container body for supporting the thin plates housed ~~therein on the inside~~ from opposing both sides, and ~~wherein a body positioning means for positioning the whole container body,~~  
said body positioning means being ~~is~~ fixed on the exterior of a bottom wall of the container body ~~disposed transversely~~, and including  
~~the body positioning means includes~~ V-shaped groove plate pieces defining ~~constructing~~ V-shaped grooves located at ~~placed in~~ three positions and respectively oriented in three different directions on the bottom of the container body, and supporting stands for supporting the V-shaped groove plate pieces.

21. (Currently amended) The thin plate supporting container according to claim 20, wherein the V-shaped groove plate pieces are ~~piece is~~ made of a material having low surface frictional ~~friction~~ resistance.

22. (Currently amended) The thin plate supporting container according to claim 20, wherein the V-shaped groove plate pieces are ~~piece is~~ detachably mounted on ~~attached to~~ the supporting stands ~~stand~~.